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2. A regular meeting of the general assembly shall be held at least once a year, preferably at the time and place of the meeting of the International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

3. The general assembly shall also meet when called together by the council or when such a meeting is requested by at least one half of the members of the Union.

4. The general assembly shall receive reports on the administrative work of the council on its financial situation, and on the general condition of the Union.

5. It shall approve the accounts of the previous fiscal year as certified by an auditor, selected from outside the membership of the council and appointed by the general assembly of the preceding year.

6. It shall pass upon the budget for the next fiscal year and shall discuss those questions appearing upon its agenda.

7. The annual report and the accounts shall be sent each year to all the members three months in advance of the annual meeting of the general assembly. The agenda of the general assembly shall be drawn up by the council and must include every question which shall have been transmitted to it by any of the members of the Union three months in advance of the meeting of the general assembly.

8. The officers and executive committee of the general assembly shall be identical with those of the council.

9. Votes on administrative and financial questions shall be cast by countries, each country having the number of votes indicated in the categories of Article VI.

10. The delegates of any country may appoint one or several proxies to represent them and to vote in their name.

#### Article XIII

1. All expenditures shall be authorized by the president and disbursed through the administrative secretary.

2. The spokesman and representative of the Union before the public and in all legal matters and court proceedings shall be its president, who may, however, delegate his powers in this respect to the administrative secretary or to any member of the council.

#### Article XIV

1. Resolutions of the council relating to such purchases, exchanges, and transfer of real property as may be needed for the accomplishment of the objects of the Union, grant of mortgages on

the said properties, leases for more than nine years, transfers of properties and loans, must be submitted to the general assembly for approval.

#### Article XV

1. Amendments to these statutes may be considered and voted upon by the general assembly only when submitted thereto by the council of the Union or proposed by a "national chemical federation" of one of its constituent countries. All such proposed amendments shall appear upon the agenda of the meeting of the general assembly, provided they have been received in writing by the committee of officers at least three months in advance of the meeting.

2. Voting upon amendments shall be by countries in accordance with the categories of Article VI.

3. Voting by correspondence is permitted.

4. The statutes may be amended only by a two thirds majority of the votes cast.

#### Article XVI

1. In the event of a meeting of the general assembly being convened to decide upon the dissolution of the Union, special notices to that effect shall be sent three months in advance; and at least three quarters of the members of the Union or their proxies must be present. If this proportion is not reached, the general assembly shall be adjourned for not less than six months, when the decision of the adjourned meeting shall be operative, irrespective of the number of members present.

In any case, dissolution can only be resolved upon by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast.

#### Article XVII

1. In the event of dissolution the general assembly shall appoint one or more trustees to liquidate the property of the Union; and any surplus assets shall be donated to an international institution.

#### Article XVIII

1. In the interpretation of these statutes the French text shall be authoritative.

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### SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

#### GIFT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has given to the General Education Board, founded by him in 1902, \$20,000,000, to be used for the improve-

ment of medical education in the United States. The following announcement has been made:

"The General Education Board announces a gift from John D. Rockefeller of twenty millions of dollars, the income to be currently used and the entire principal to be distributed within fifty years for the improvement of medical education in the United States."

The working capital previous to this accretion amounted to between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000. Since the present sum is to be devoted exclusively to medical education, whereas the board's previous resources, under the terms of the charter granted it by Congress, have been devoted to "promoting education within the United States, without distinction of race, creed or sex," the activities of the organization with respect to medical teaching will be greatly increased.

The board will meet in December, at which time a detailed program with respect to medical education will be mapped out.

Mr. Abraham Flexner, secretary of the board, stated in a general way that just as the board in the past out of its general funds has made considerable donations to the treasuries of medical schools of such universities as Yale, Johns Hopkins, Chicago and Washington in St. Louis, it will, as soon as its plans are worked out, spend large sums for the improvement of the hospital facilities, the teaching staffs and the laboratory facilities of such schools as are decided to be worthy of help. It was pointed out that under the terms of the gift while the entire principal must be distributed within fifty years, there is nothing to prevent the concurrent distribution of both principal and interest and this, he said, undoubtedly would be done.

Mr. Flexner stated that there would be a general survey of the schools of the country which would determine not only which ones could be improved, but also what were the specific needs in each instance. The needs of all parts of the country would be taken into consideration in apportioning such sums as it is decided to disburse from the fund.

#### LECTURES ON POPULAR SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

THE Sunday afternoon lectures on popular science topics given the research men of the University of California and Stanford University and the local representatives of the various United States Bureaus under the auspices of the California Academy of Sciences in the Museum in Golden Gate Park are serving a good purpose in bringing into closer relations the scientific expert and the public. The following illustrated lectures have been announced:

October 12: Dr. Walter P. Taylor, assistant biologist, United States Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., on "The flora and fauna of Mount Rainier."

October 19: Mr. C. A. Kupfer, forest investigator, United States Forest Service, San Francisco, on "California's future; what the Forest Service is doing to determine and meet the coming demands for timber and other National Forest resources."

October 26: Mr. R. F. Hammatt, in charge information, United States Forest Service, San Francisco on "Some forestry problems, both government and private."

November 2: Mr. F. D. Douthitt, grazing examiner, United States Forest Service, San Francisco, on "Range management on the National Forests in California."

November 9: Mr. Don P. Johnston, assistant district forester, United States Forest Service, San Francisco, on "Industrial research in the Forest Service."

#### THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS

THE American Society of Naturalists will hold its thirty-seventh annual meeting at Princeton University, on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 30 and 31. The society will offer, beginning on Tuesday morning, December 30, a program to which its members are invited to contribute papers.

A symposium on "Some Relations of Biology to Human Welfare" will be presented on Tuesday afternoon.

The Naturalists' dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday. At the close of the dinner Edward M. East will give an address entitled "Population."